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Meeting Minutes - Final Landmarks Preservation Commission

*Alderman James Morgenroth
Tony Veranth
Roger Lacock
Chris Flynn
Paul Zens
Jeannie Creekmore
John Monefeldt*

Monday, September 26, 2011

1:30 PM

City Hall, Room 209

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chris Flynn, John Monefeldt, Roger Lacock and Jeannie Creekmore

ABSENT: 1 - Paul Zens

EXCUSED: 3 - Tony Veranth, James Morgenroth and James Morgenroth

Others present: Matthew G. Sadowski, Principal Planner

Approval of Minutes for the September 12, 2011 Meeting

A motion was made by Commission Member Lacock, seconded by Commission Member Flynn, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

Correspondence:

None.

Buildings being razed:

Commission members felt that recent raze permits did not present the need to request photographs.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING

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[11-6952](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of a nomination request by Matthew Wagner, representing S.C. Johnson seeking re-designation as a

Racine Landmark the buildings historically known as the S.C. Johnson and Son Administration Building and Research Tower at 1525 Howe Street. (Resolution No. 11-2787)

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 9-26-11: That the nomination for re-designation be approved and a resolution adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [PH Notice - Re-Des 1525 Howe Street](#)

Chairwoman Creekmore opened the public hearing at 1:44 p.m.

Principal Planner Sadowski reviewed the proposed nomination for re-designation and describing the location and subject buildings. He described the regulatory and incentive differences between local, State and National designation.

Matthew Wagner, representing S.C. Johnson stated that the request is coupled with S.C. Johnson's bid to have the buildings being designated as world heritage sites. He added that the building is currently on the National and State register of historic places and are National Landmarks.

Commission member considered the five criteria for nomination.

Hearing no objections, Chairwoman Creekmore closed the public hearing at 1:53 p.m.

A motion as made by Commission Member Flynn, seconded by Commission Member Lacock, to recommend that the nomination request by Matthew Wagner, representing S.C. Johnson seeking re-designation as a Racine Landmark the buildings historically known as the S.C. Johnson and Son Administration Building and Research Tower and at 1525 Howe Street be approved subject to the following:

That the nomination be forwarded to the Plan Commission and Common Council citing that the buildings are found to be deserving of a re-designation of landmark status based on the following criteria set out in Chapter 58, Sec 61 (a):

- (1) Exemplifies or reflects cultural, political, social history.**
- (2) Is identified with personages.**
- (3) Embodies distinguishing characteristics of architecture, an architect or architectural materials, and craftsmanship.**
- (4) In its inherent historical nature provides the citizenry with educational or aesthetic enrichment.**

The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business:

Educator and Outreach: Workshops 2012 Planning.

Future Initiatives: Commission activities.

Next Meeting:

Commission members agreed that unless a special meeting was needed to act on the preservation subgrant application, the next meeting would be on the scheduled date of November 7, 2011.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commission Member Lacock and seconded by Commission Member Monefeldt to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Chairwoman Creekmore adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew G. Sadowski, Secretary
Principal Planner*